

## **California Farmland Conservancy Program Proposition 40 Completed Projects**

Enclosed herein are brief summaries of completed agricultural conservation easement projects funded to date, with grants by the California Farmland Conservancy Program (CFCP) utilizing Proposition 40 funding. This listing will be updated periodically as additional easement projects are completed



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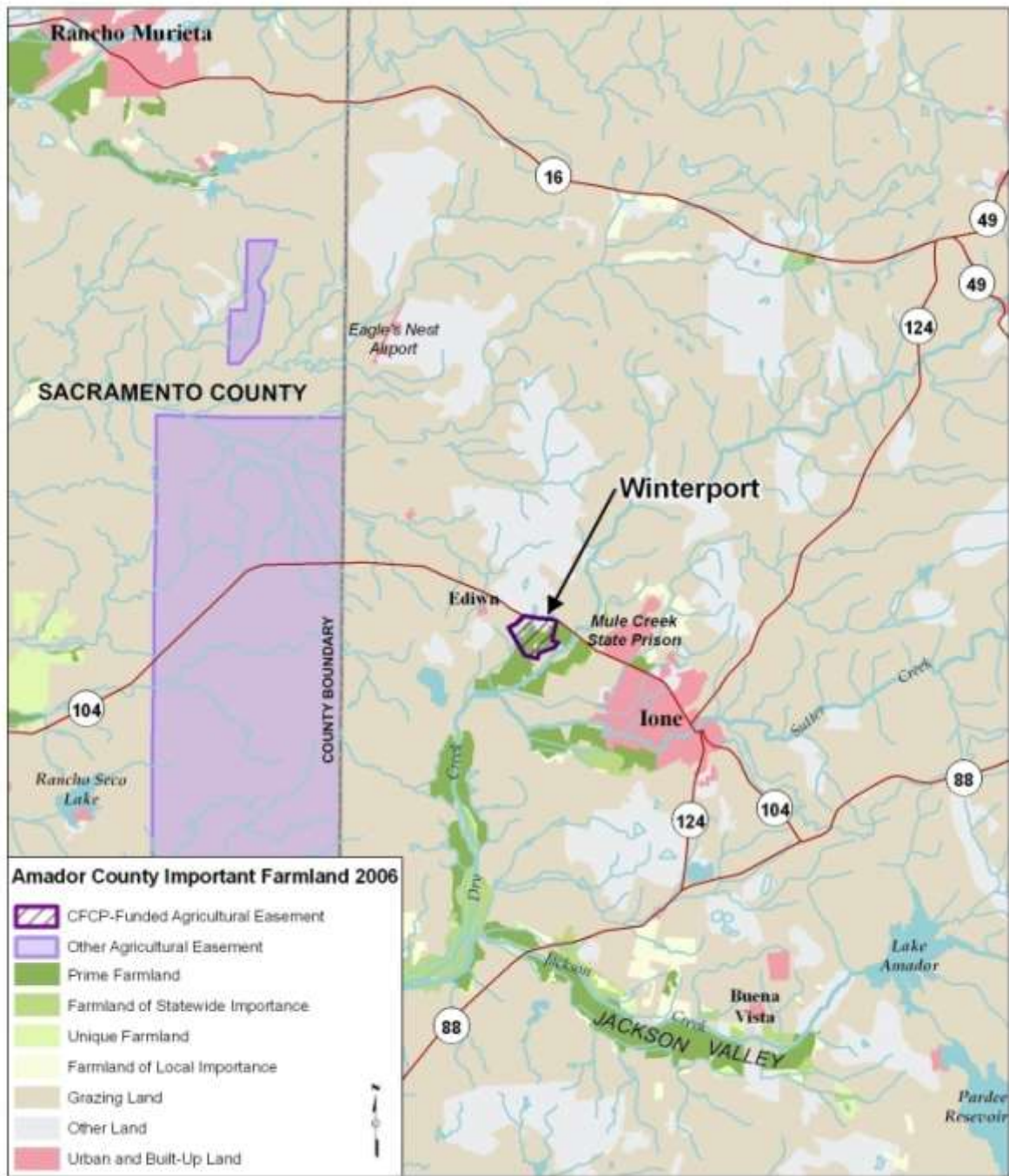
## **Winterport Farm Amador County**



Grantee:	Sacramento Valley Conservancy
Easement Holder:	Sacramento Valley Conservancy
Location:	Amador County
Acres:	175
Agricultural Uses:	Grazing Land
Appraised easement value:	\$791,375
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$670,625
Other Easement Funding:	\$120,750
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$27,630
Date easement recorded:	3/10/2008

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The 180-acre Winterport farm is located in Amador County just south of Highway 104, within half a mile of the City of Lone's Sphere of Influence. The Winter family started farming in the area in 1867. It is currently being used for grazing and hay production, but has been intensively farmed in the past – producing melons, vegetables, pumpkins and Christmas trees – and is likely to be again. The landowners have encouraged educational and other tours of the property over the years. Noting the potential for sprawl, the CFCP awarded a planning grant to the Sacramento Valley Conservancy in 2004 that resulted in the development of the Winterport project. The planning grant also assisted in developing a partnership between the conservancy and the Mother Lode Land Trust, including joint conservation priorities, and development of cooperative conservation easement projects in the East Sacramento County Blue Oaks Hills Rangeland area and Western Amador County.



# **Llano Seco Ranch**

## **Butte County**

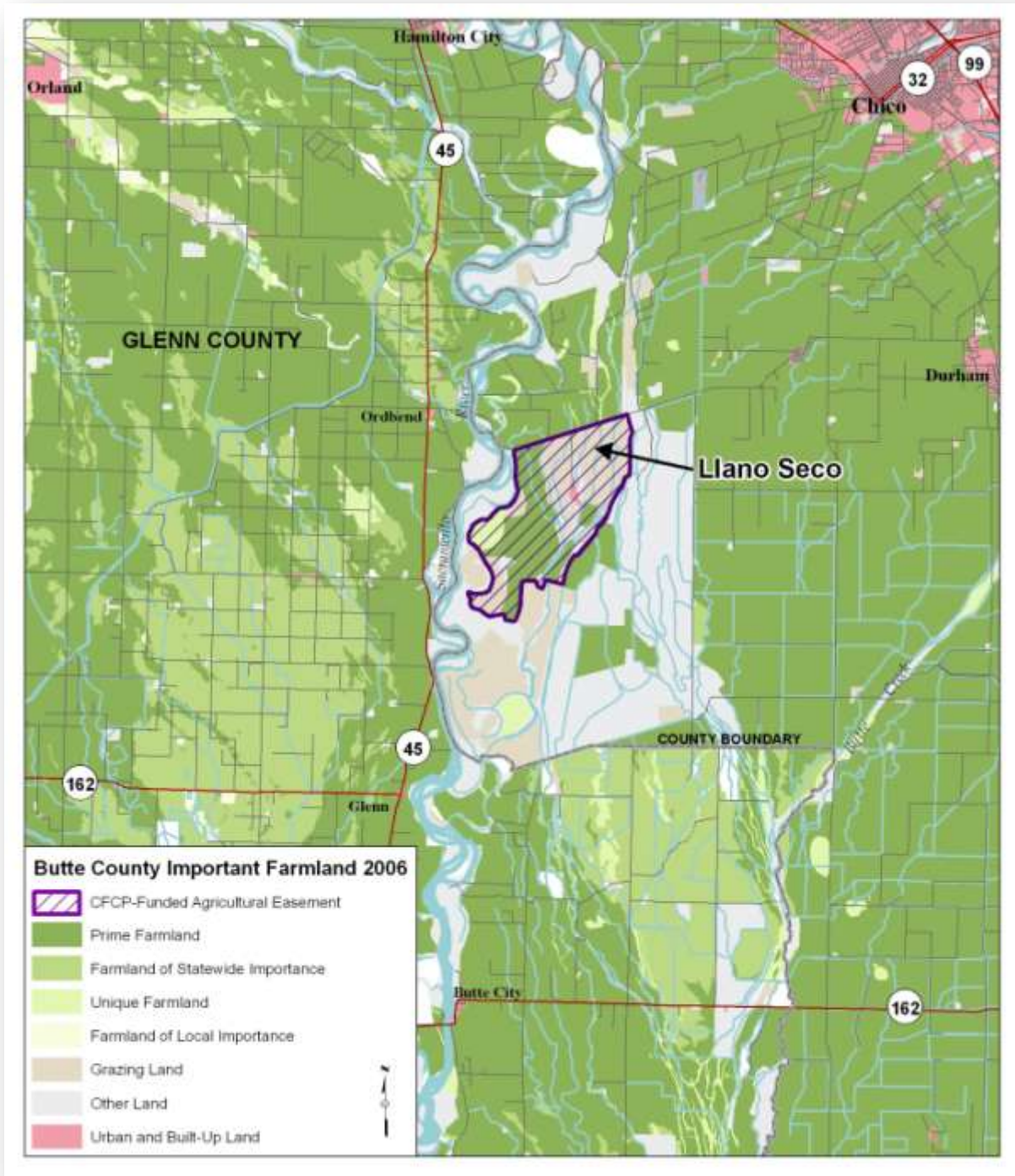


Grantee:	Northern California Regional Land Trust
Easement Holder:	Northern California Regional Land Trust
Location:	Butte County
Acres:	4,235
Agricultural Uses:	Orchard, row crops, & grazing
Appraised easement value:	\$6,500,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$1,930,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$4,570,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$0
Date easement recorded:	5/5/2006

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The Northern California Regional Land Trust completed the acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement on 4,235 acres of the Llano Seco Ranch in Butte County. Of the total acres protected under this easement, approximately 1,870 acres are in intensively managed agricultural production of walnuts, almonds, sunflowers, grains, safflower, and other crops; 1,715 acres are used for grazing; and 736 acres are covered in sloughs and riparian vegetation, including grasslands, cottonwood, and Great Valley oak forests. With this project's completion, nearly the entire Llano Seco Ranch, an 18,434-acre Mexican Land Grant, is permanently shielded from development in a fast-growing area of California. Most of the remainder of the ranch is already shielded from development, having been permanently sold in a combination of fee and easement to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Nature Conservancy.





# **Wattenbarger Farm**

## **Madera County**

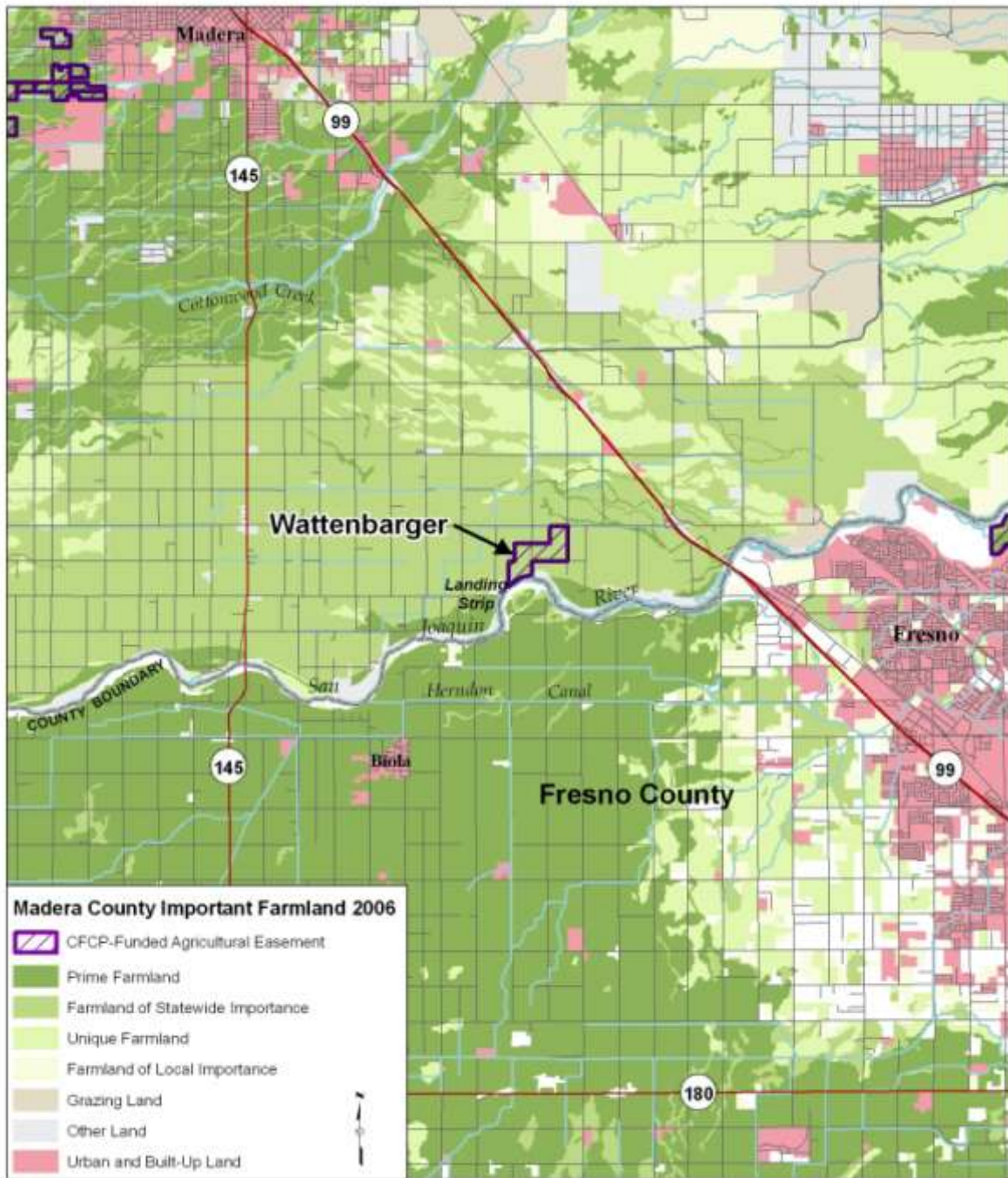


Grantee:	San Joaquin River Parkway & Conservation Trust
Easement Holder:	San Joaquin River Parkway & Conservation Trust
Location:	Madera County
Acres:	216
Agricultural Uses:	Orchard
Appraised easement value:	\$650,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$585,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$65,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$14,022
Date easement recorded:	1/31/2007



The Wattenbarger farm is located between the cities of Fresno and Madera along the northern edge of the San Joaquin River in Madera County. The Wattenbarger family began the farm in 1915 and have grown all kinds of crops, including cotton, corn, sugar beets, and alfalfa. Today, the farm produces Thompson seedless raisins, almonds and Zante currants. CFCP previously awarded the San Joaquin River Parkway & Conservation Trust a planning grant to develop potential agricultural conservation easements; the Wattenbarger farm project is a direct result of that partnership.





## **Crayne Ranch Marin County**

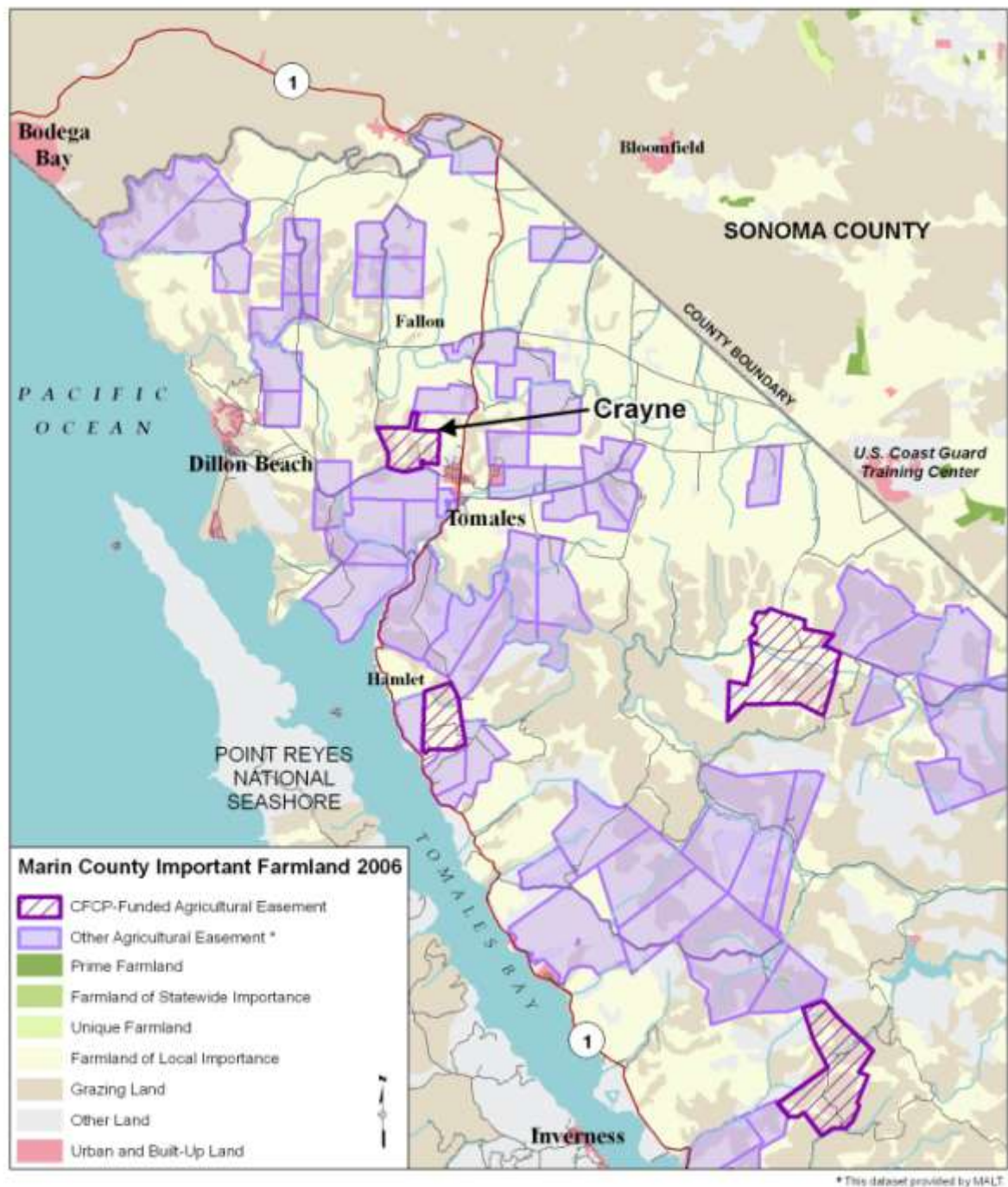


Grantee:	Marin Agricultural Land Trust
Easement Holder:	Marin Agricultural Land Trust
Location:	Marin County
Acres:	291
Agricultural Uses:	Grazing Land
Appraised easement value:	\$1,020,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$800,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$220,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$0
Date easement recorded:	10/18/2007

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The Crayne family has owned this prominent property for several generations. A former dairy, the Crayne Ranch is now a beef cattle operation and is part of an historic landscape which has remained virtually unchanged for 150 years. The sale of a conservation easement to MALT enables the next generation to continue to own and operate the ranching business which they have been involved in since the early 1990s. Without the sale of an easement, the ranch would have been sold and most likely subdivided. Because of its panoramic ridge-top views and its proximity to Petaluma, the property might have been targeted by a developer for rural estate homes. The conversion of farmland in this way is one of the greatest threats facing the agricultural community in Marin County. Other easement-protected lands abut the Crayne Ranch to the north and south. By placing an easement on Crayne Ranch, these easement-protected properties are now linked and form an expansive contiguous block of protected land.





## **Panfiglio Ranch Marin County**

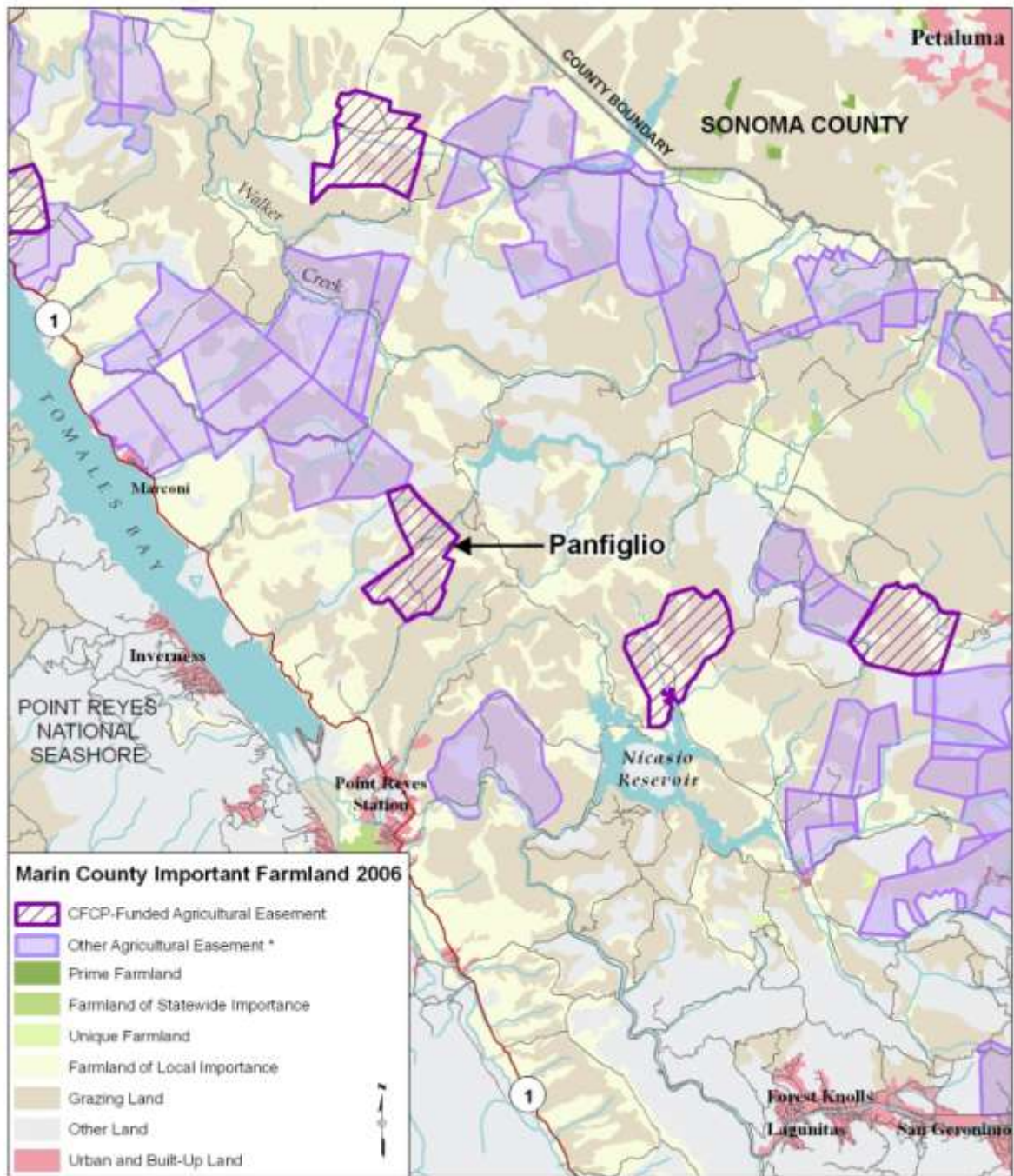


Grantee:	Marin Agricultural Land Trust
Easement Holder:	Marin Agricultural Land Trust
Location:	Marin County
Acres:	810
Agricultural Uses:	Grazing Land
Appraised easement value:	\$1,160,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$750,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$410,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$0
Date easement recorded:	5/16/2008



The 810-acre Panfiglio Ranch is located in a unique area on Three Peaks, a 1,160-foot formation that is visible from Inverness and Point Reyes National Seashore. Though Three Peaks and the lands surrounding it may be unknown to most Marin County residents, the mountain is among the tallest in the area. Part of the Rancho Nicasio Mexican land grant, the lands overlook Tomales Bay and also drain into Soulajule Reservoir. They have provided rich grazing lands for generations of families who contributed to the growth and prominence of the Marin County dairy industry, including the Panfiglio family. The ranch now supports a beef cattle operation. The Panfiglio Ranch easement links two other ranches protected by MALT easements, providing a permanent wildlife corridor. It becomes part of a continuous block of protected farmland totaling more than 7,600 acres. The property also serves as part of the headwaters of Grand Canyon Creek and Walker Creek.







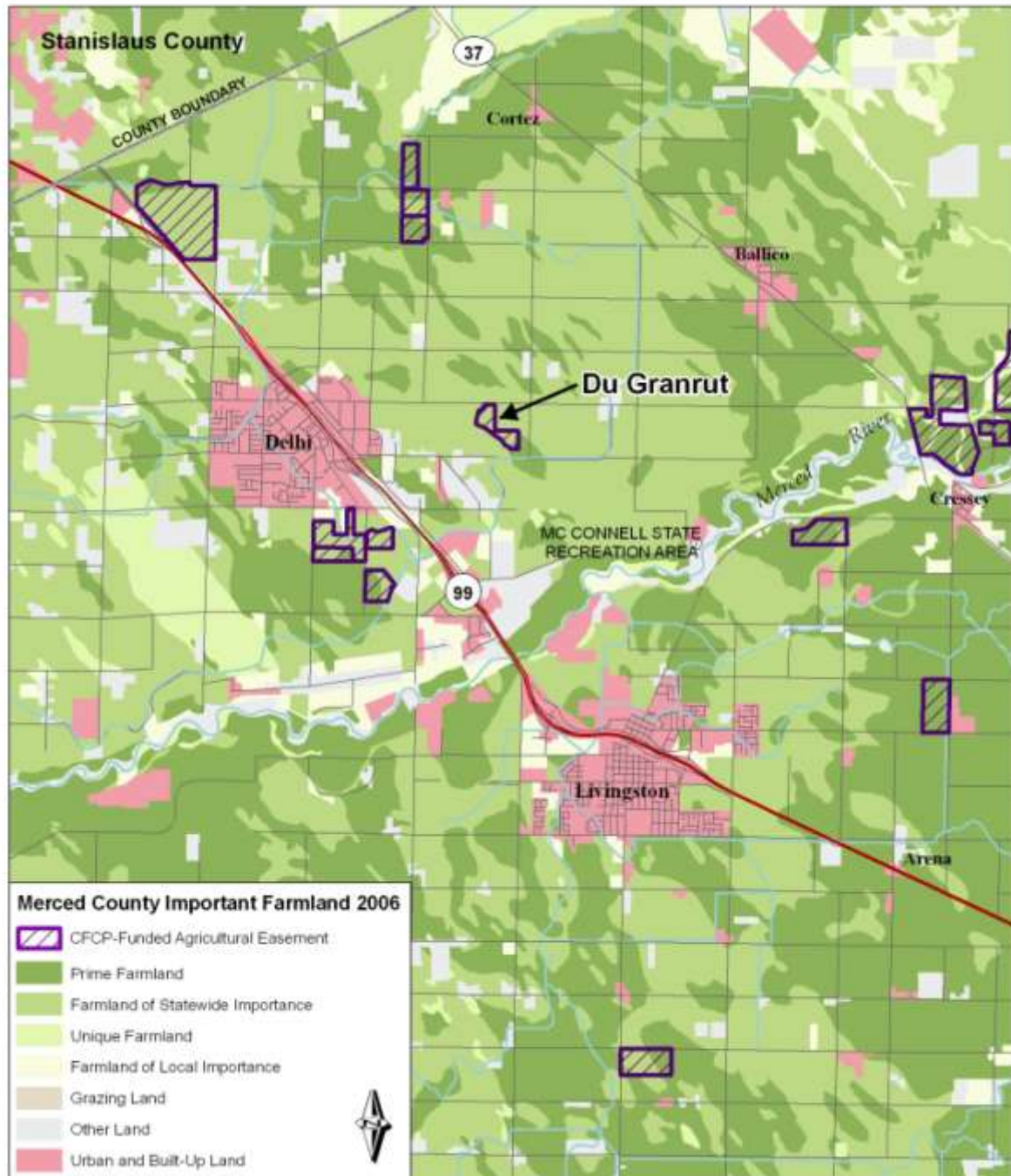
## **Du Granrut Ranch Merced County**



Grantee:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Easement Holder:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Location:	Merced County
Acres:	40
Agricultural Uses:	Orchard
Appraised easement value:	\$240,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$162,800
Other Easement Funding:	\$77,200
CFCP Associated Transaction	\$18,177
Funding:	7/15/2005
Date easement recorded:	

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Located in Merced County near the community of Delhi, Du Granrut Ranch grows almonds on 25 acres and leases out the balance of the Ranch for row crop production. With its close proximity to Delhi, the fastest growing community in Merced County, Du Granrut Ranch was threatened with conversion to rural residential development. This project continues a trend of agricultural land conservation in the Delhi area, and has been the impetus for additional farmland conservation nearby.



# **Magneson Farms**

## **Merced County**



Grantee:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Easement Holder:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Location:	Merced County
Acres:	472
Agricultural Uses:	Field Crops
Appraised easement value:	\$1,616,900
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$1,212,675
Other Easement Funding:	\$404,225
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$28,327
Date easement recorded:	1/13/2006

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Located along the Merced River near the community of Cressey, the Magneson Farms is a dairy operation situated in an area highly desirable for rural residential development. The easement area includes mostly prime soils that surround the dairy facility (which was excluded from the easement area) and provide silage corn, grains and alfalfa for the dairy operation. The Magneson Farms frontage along the Merced River supports riparian areas for wildlife habitat, as well as scenic vistas of river bluffs. Easements on the Magneson Farms lay the foundation for permanently protecting additional farmland along the Merced River bottomlands and bluff. Additionally, protecting a significant amount of farmland between Cressey and Ballico may create a buffer between the two communities in the future.





# **Okuye Farm Merced County**

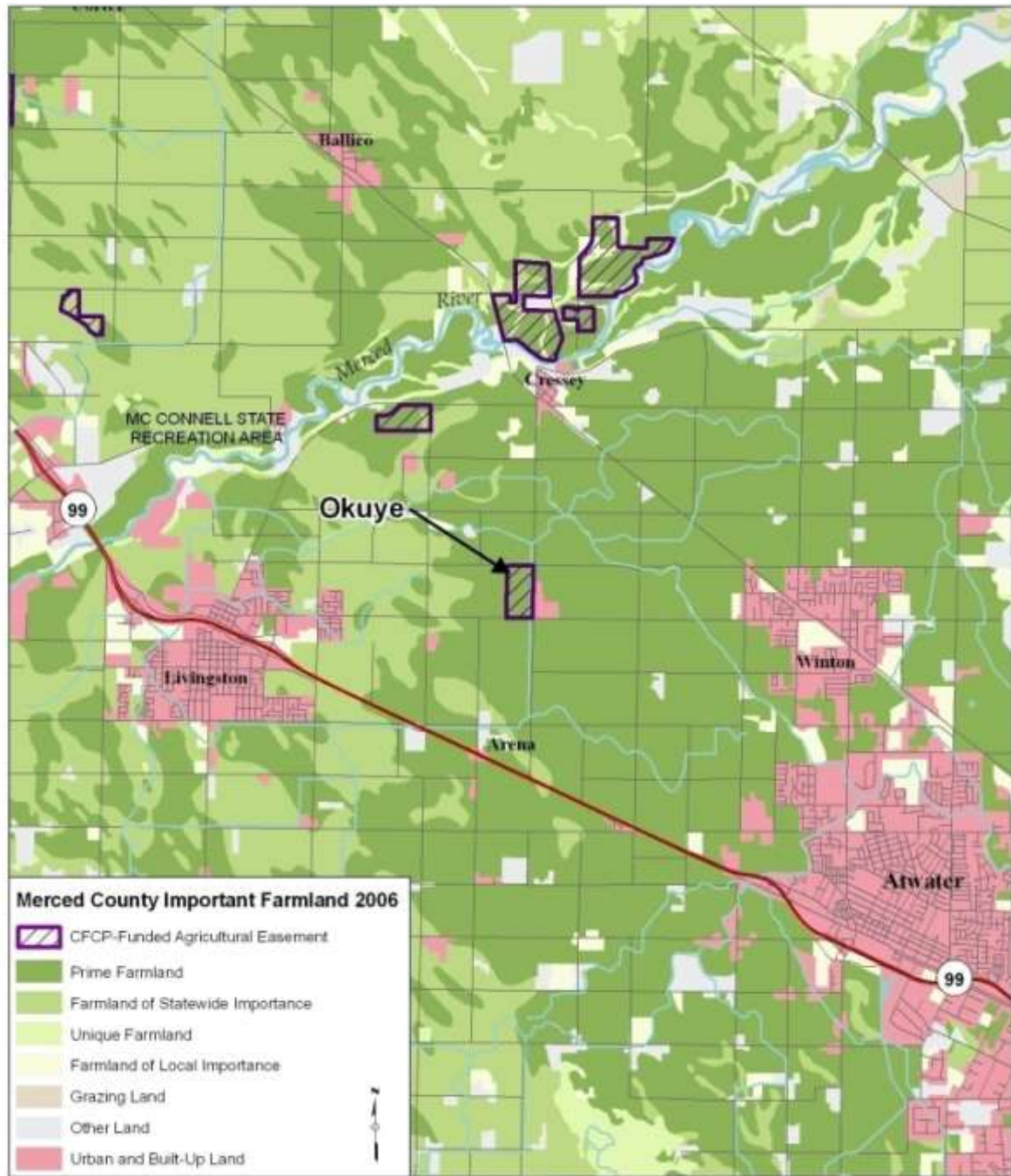


Grantee:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Easement Holder:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Location:	Merced County
Acres:	78
Agricultural Uses:	Orchard
Appraised easement value:	\$510,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$382,500
Other Easement Funding:	\$127,500
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$25,387
Date easement recorded:	6/25/2007



The 78-acre Okuye farm is located in one of the premier agricultural areas in Merced County, approximately 1.5 miles east of the City of Livingston. This was the first easement in this highly productive area, which consists primarily of family farms on parcels from 20 to more than 100 acres in size. The area's productivity is derived from the alluvial fans of the Merced River and smaller streams from the Sierra Nevada mountains. These natural features account for the excellent soil quality, and the availability of affordable and high quality irrigation water. Processing and marketing infrastructure are located nearby. The area around the farm is a productive region for fruit and nut orchards. Most of the Okuye's property -- farmed by the Okuye family for more than a century -- is planted in almonds.







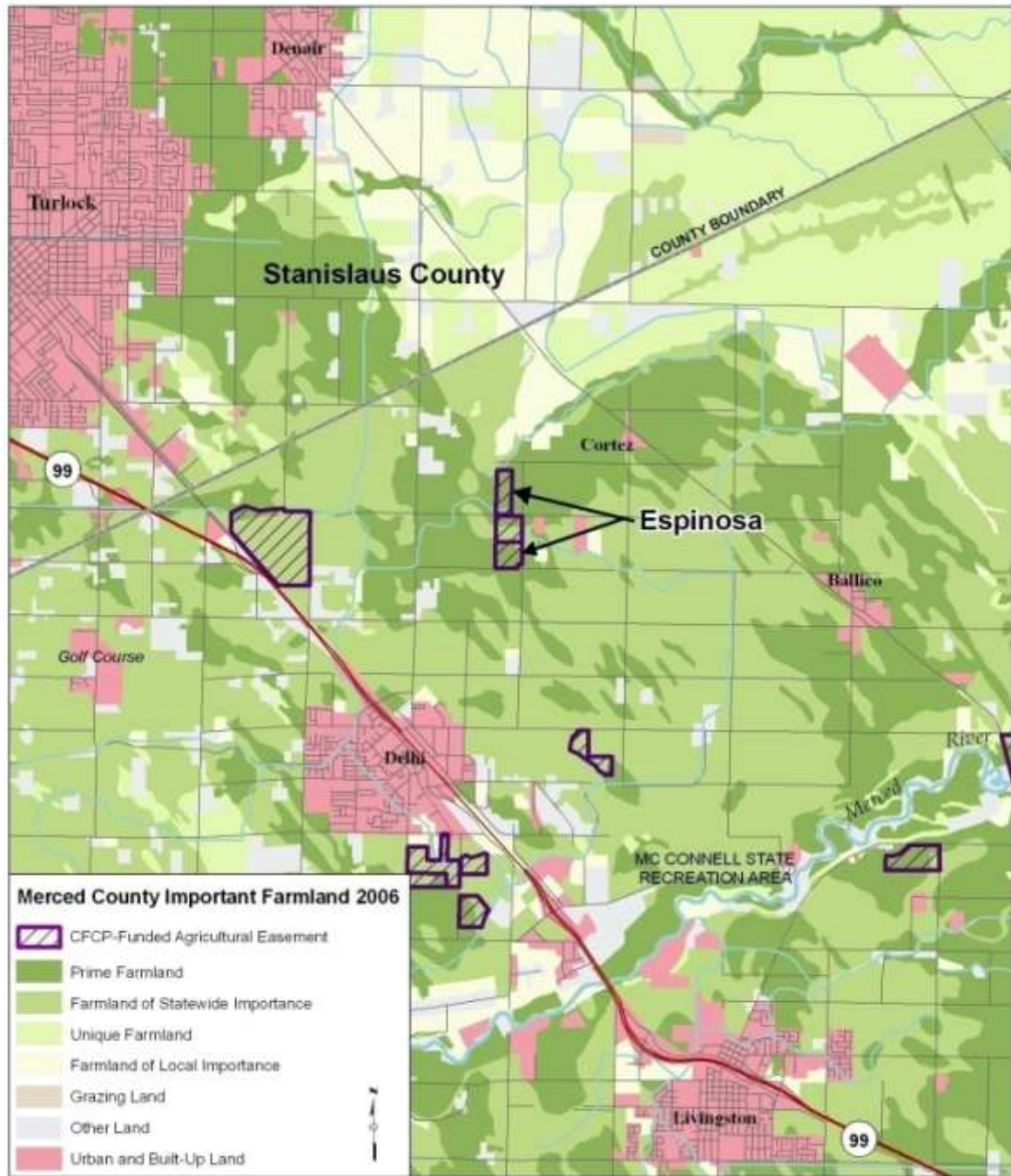
## **Espinosa Farm Merced County**



Grantee:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Easement Holder:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Location:	Merced County
Acres:	77
Agricultural Uses:	Orchard
Appraised easement value:	\$517,500
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$388,125
Other Easement Funding:	\$129,375
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$23,325
Date easement recorded:	9/7/2007

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In the area of Delhi – the fastest-growing community in Merced County – the Espinosa farms are on two noncontiguous parcels (separately owned by a father and son) covering 77 acres. One parcel is planted in almonds, the other in almonds and peaches. Almonds are a major commodity in Merced County and the Espinosa Farms lie in some of the most productive farmland due to deposits from the Merced River and smaller streams from the Sierra Nevada Mountains. An almond processing plant is located nearby. A subsequent easement on the parcel between the two Espinosa parcels resulted in a combined 120-acre contiguous block of easement-protected farmland.





## **Espinoza Farm Merced County**

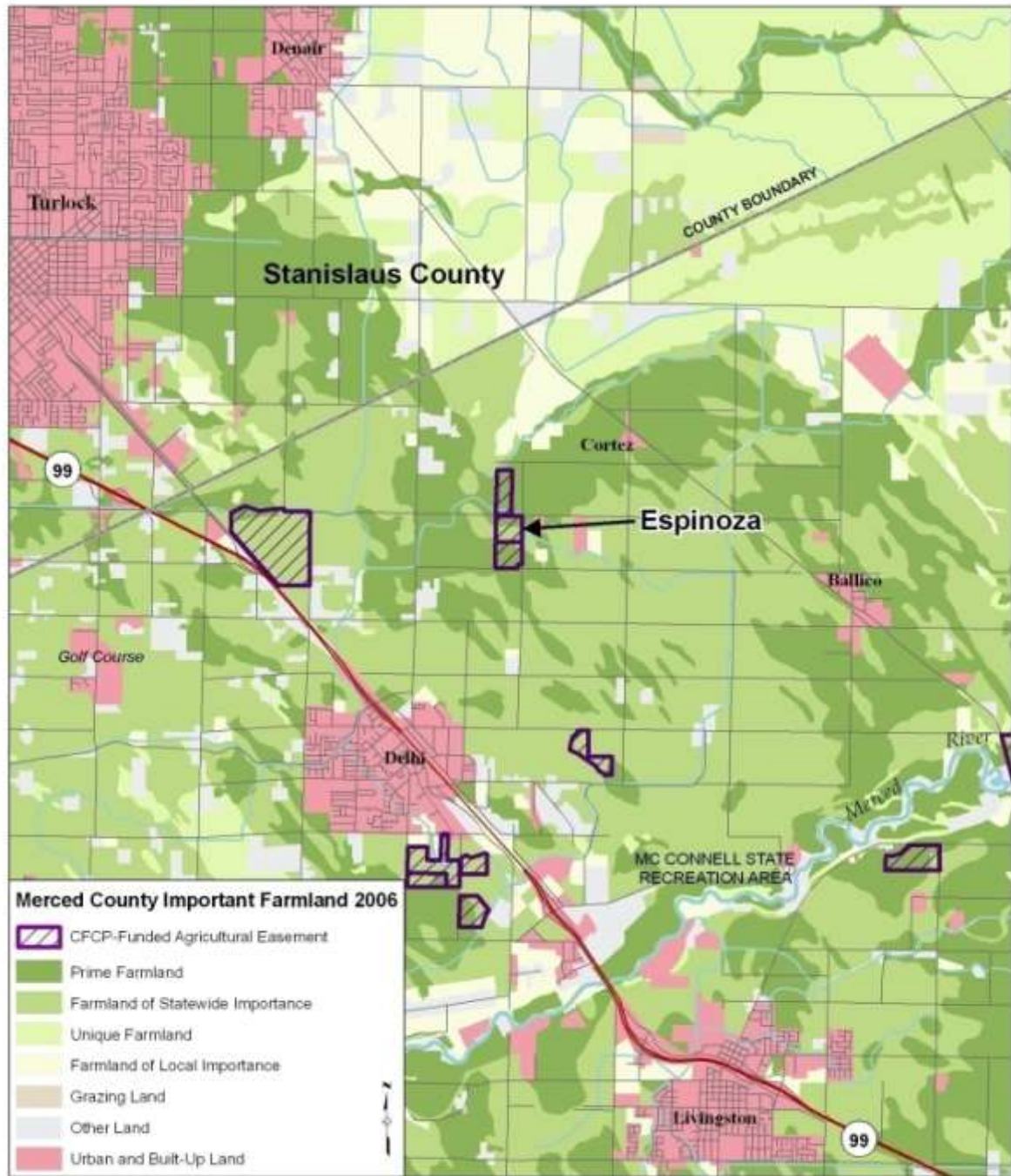


Grantee:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Easement Holder:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Location:	Merced County
Acres:	39
Agricultural Uses:	Orchard
Appraised easement value:	\$273,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$136,500
Other Easement Funding:	\$136,500
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$0
Date easement recorded:	4/3/2008



The 39-acre Espinoza farm is located just outside the unincorporated town of Delhi in Merced County. Foreign competition and depressed prices for peaches drove the landowners to interplant almonds in the peach orchard. The farm is located in a very active agricultural area with nearby orchards and agricultural processing facilities, and it receives ample and relatively inexpensive water from Turlock Irrigation District. This easement purchase adds to the creation of a buffer between Delhi and the prime agricultural land beyond Espinoza. The unincorporated town of Delhi is the fastest growing community in Merced County with an annual average increase of 4.2 percent and is predicted to double in size by 2020 according to the Merced County Association of Governments. The farm is located three-quarters of a mile from the Delhi 2020 Community Preferred Growth Plan boundary.





# **Silveira Farm Merced County**

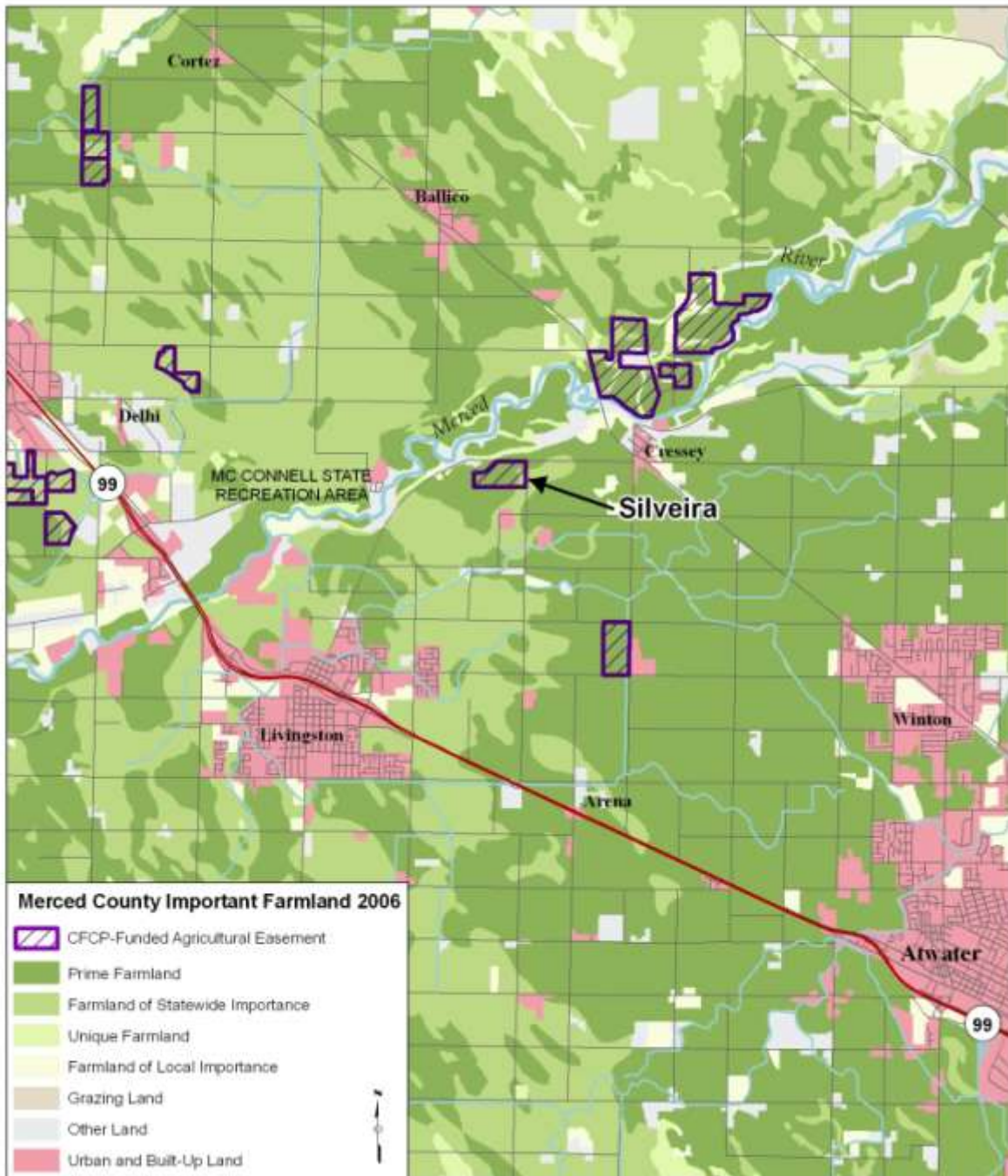


Grantee:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Easement Holder:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Location:	Merced County
Acres:	62
Agricultural Uses:	Orchard
Appraised easement value:	\$437,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$336,490
Other Easement Funding:	\$122,360
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$20,817
Date easement recorded:	9/2/2008

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The 62-acre Silveira farm is planted in almonds, except for a 17-acre portion that is leased to a farmer who grows sweet potatoes and a two-acre portion that is planted in organic blueberries. A portion of the almond orchard is certified organic, with the balance currently transitioning to the same. The farm is 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from the City of Livingston's Sphere of Influence, but the City is planning to extend its boundary to within  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of the Silveira farm. There is already newer residential subdivision development at the eastern edge of the city limits. Future development pressure may increase from a planned freeway interchange two miles south of the farm and a proposed Wal-Mart distribution center to be located between the cities of Merced and Livingston.







## **Beach Farm Merced County**

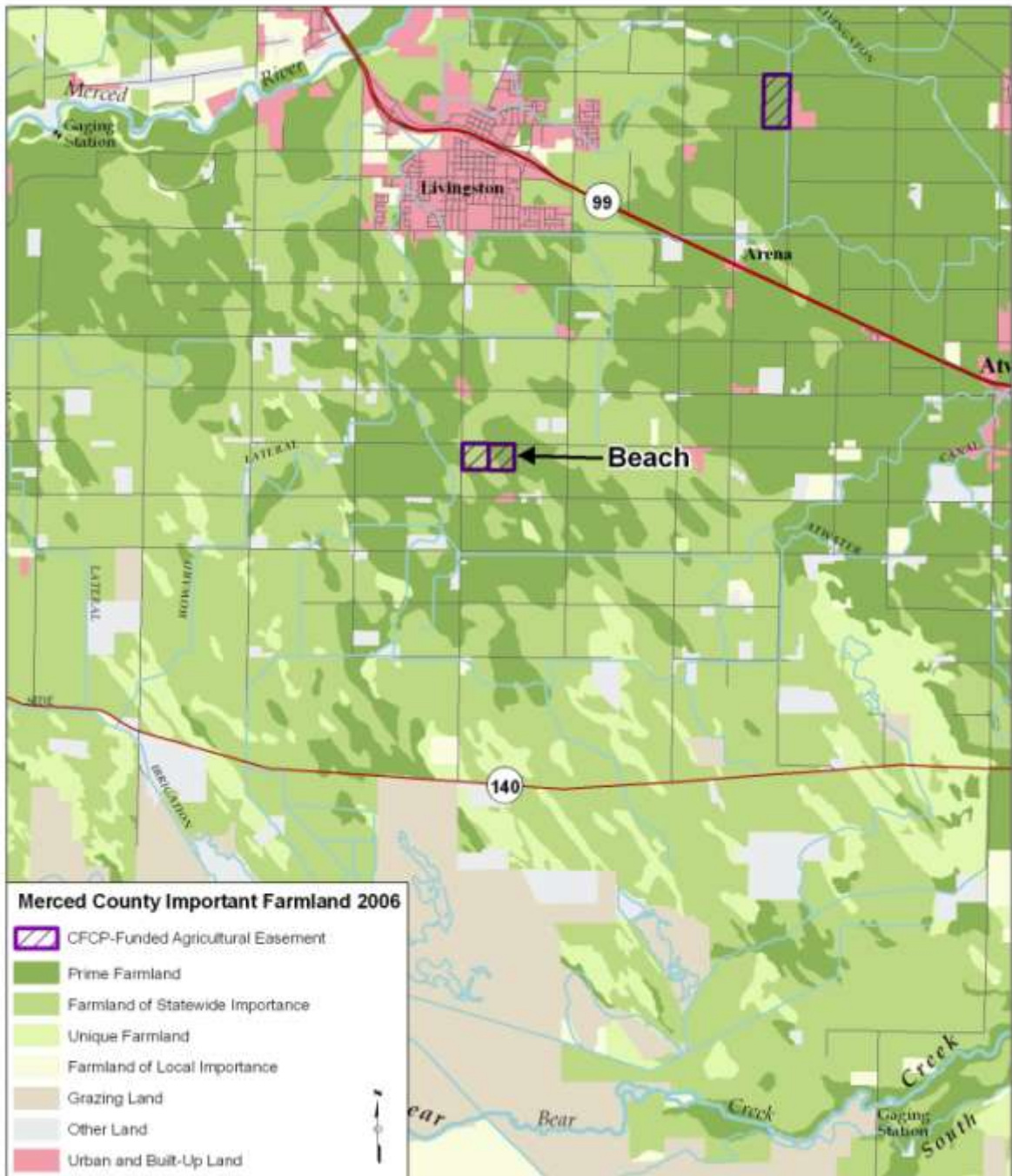


Grantee:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Easement Holder:	Central Valley Farmland Trust
Location:	Merced County
Acres:	78
Agricultural Uses:	Orchard
Appraised easement value:	\$585,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$450,450
Other Easement Funding:	\$163,800
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$20,314
Date easement recorded:	9/8/2008



The Beach Farm encompasses 80 acres, with 77 planted in almonds, and is located near the City of Livingston in some of the most productive farmland within Merced County. The area consists primarily of farms on parcels typically ranging from 20 acres to over 100 acres in size. The area is especially productive for fruit and nut orchards because of its soil quality, availability of affordable and high quality irrigation water, and proximity to processing and marketing infrastructure. Irrigation is provided by the Merced Irrigation District.

Livingston has experienced rapid growth in the last few years, with recent subdivision activity on the southern limits of the city. Livingston's latest General Plan calls for annexation south of the current city limit and to convert 464 acres of farmland to residential development, within one half mile of the Beach Farm.



## Montgomery Creek Ranch Mono County

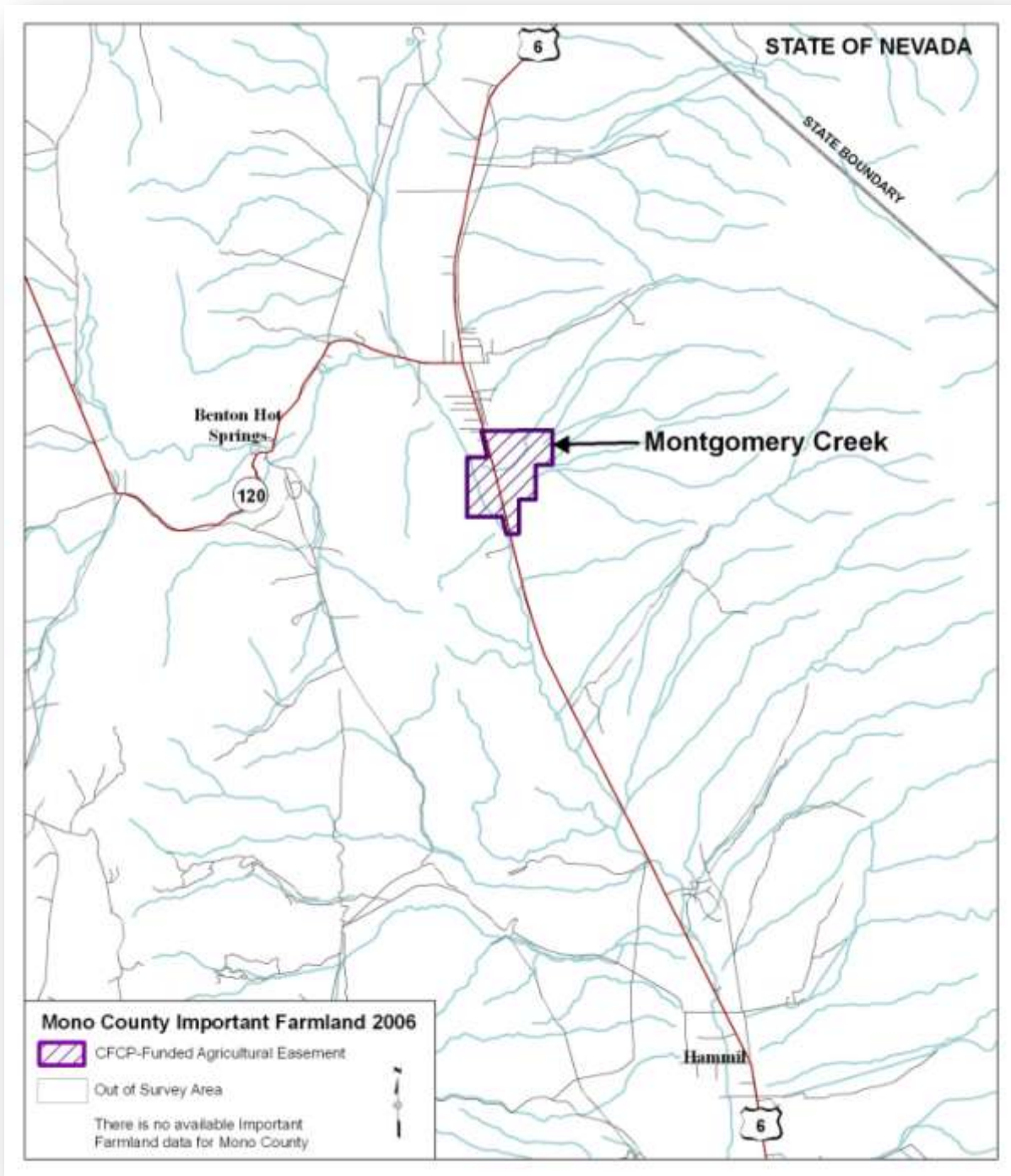


Grantee:	Eastern Sierra Land Trust
Easement Holder:	Eastern Sierra Land Trust
Location:	Mono County
Acres:	818
Agricultural Uses:	Field Crops
Appraised easement value:	\$1,070,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$500,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$570,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$31,543
Date easement recorded:	12/12/2005

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Montgomery Creek Ranch, named after the dramatic 13,441-foot Montgomery Peak under which it is located, is located on the eastern edge of Mono County in the Benton Valley, approximately 50 miles from the quickly-developing Mammoth Lakes. The Ranch produces very high-quality, premium-priced certified organic alfalfa hay on 500 acres. The balance of the Ranch includes naturally sub-irrigated grazing land. The largest and oldest continuously farmed ranch in the Benton Valley, the Montgomery Creek Ranch was facing residential development pressure generated by resort development in Mammoth Lakes. This was the first CFCP grant in Mono County and the first agricultural conservation easement of its kind in the Eastern Sierra.





## **DeSerpa Ranch Monterey County**

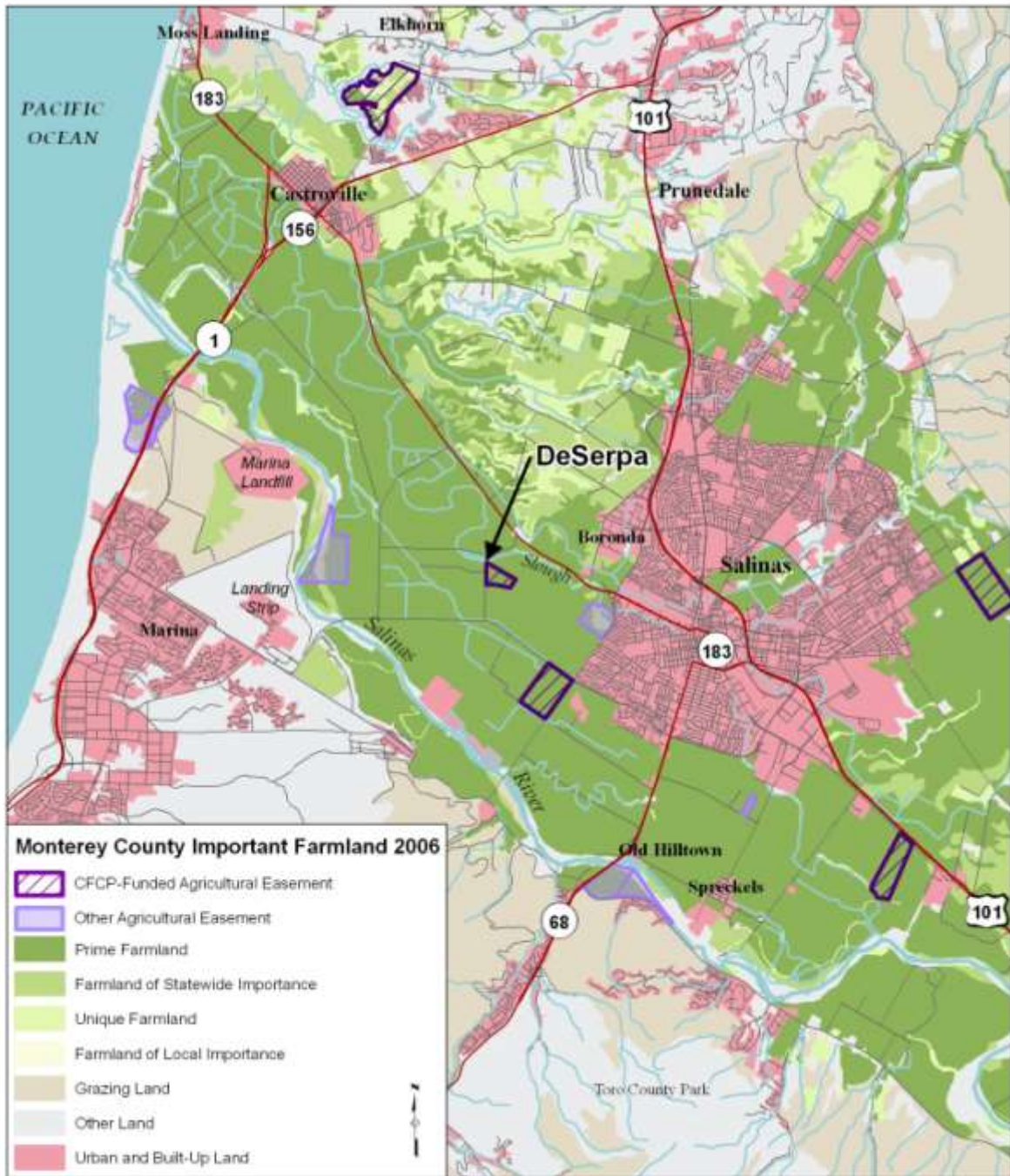


Grantee:	Ag Land Trust*
Easement Holder:	Ag Land Trust*
Location:	Monterey County
Acres:	55
Agricultural Uses:	Row Crops
Appraised easement value:	\$385,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$327,250
Other Easement Funding:	\$57,750
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$11,256
Date easement recorded:	3/26/2007

\*Previously known as the Monterey County Agricultural and Historical Land Conservancy



The property is located just over a mile west of the City of Salinas's sphere of influence, in the Blanco District, which includes some of the most productive and desirable land in the valley. The City of Salinas has been growing fairly rapidly in the last few years. While growth is not immediately imminent in the vicinity, it is beginning to creep in the direction of the property. An arterial bypass is planned immediately west of the property, which could place additional conversion pressures on the property. Acquisition of an easement on this parcel assists the land trust's strategy to protect the best quality soils in the area and to encourage future growth onto the lesser quality soils to the east of Salinas. The property commands top farm rental rates and is used to grow the typical vegetable row crops of the area, with two crops grown per season. Water is supplied by a well.





# **Cook Cattle**

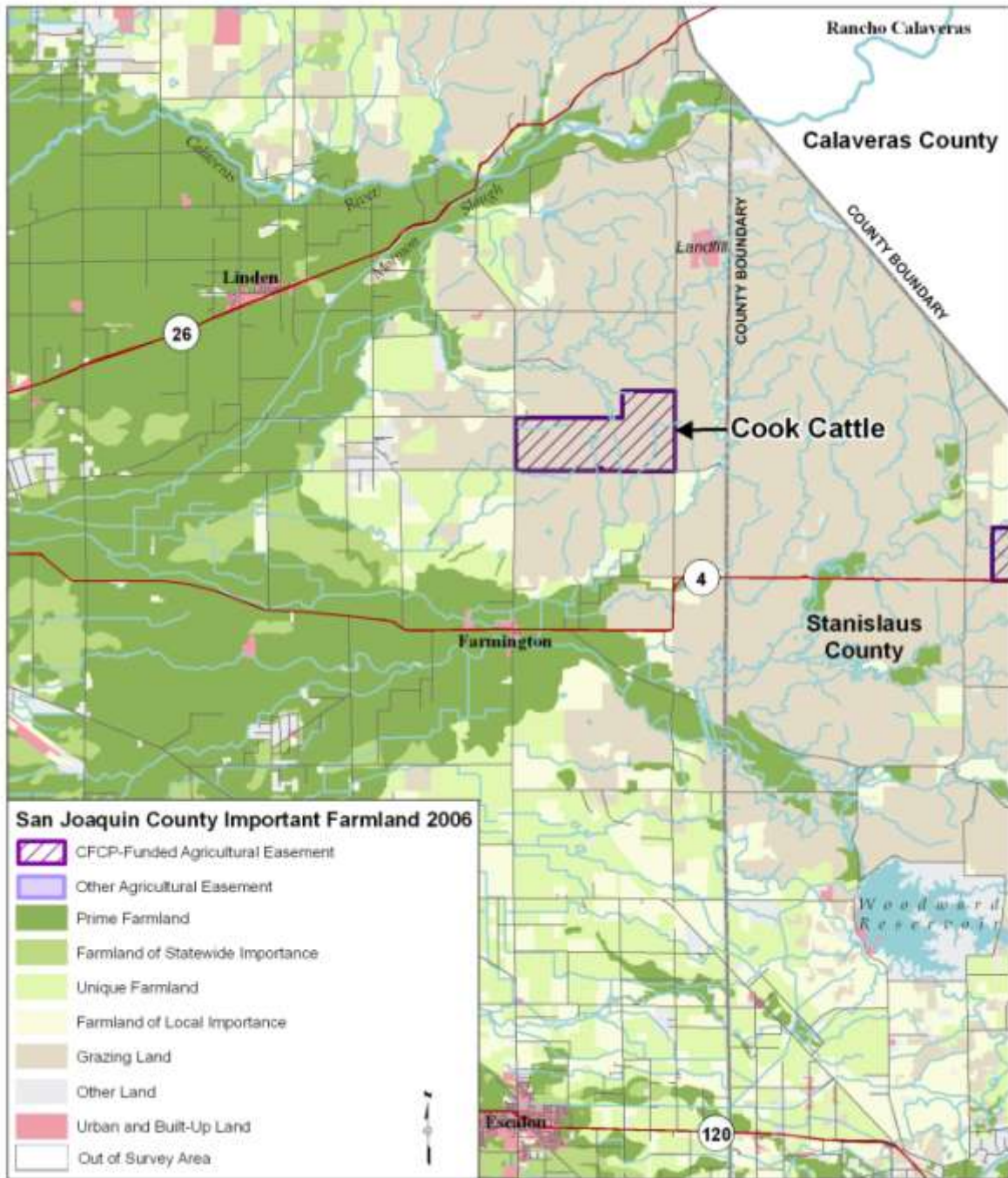
## **San Joaquin County**



Co-Grantees:	The Trust for Public Land & California Rangeland Trust
Easement Holder:	California Rangeland Trust
Location:	San Joaquin County
Acres:	2,235
Agricultural Uses:	Grazing Land
Appraised easement value:	\$3,500,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$1,700,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$1,800,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$0
Date easement recorded:	2/20/2008



The 2,235-acre W.F. Cook Cattle Ranch is located just 13 miles east of Stockton, near Farmington. The Cook family has been raising cattle for generations and has witnessed tremendous change during the past 20 years. The Central Valley's population has grown by 20 percent and while much of that growth is happening in cities, there is also a trend toward parcelization of large farms and ranches. Neighboring properties have been divided into 40-acre lots and sold as ranchettes. A conservation easement ensures that this family operation will be spared that fate, and preserves its highly productive grasslands for grazing and other agricultural use. The W.F. Cook Cattle Company easement will be monitored by the California Rangeland Trust. The Trust for Public Land coordinated the transaction and funded associated transaction costs.



## **Level Lea Farm San Mateo County**



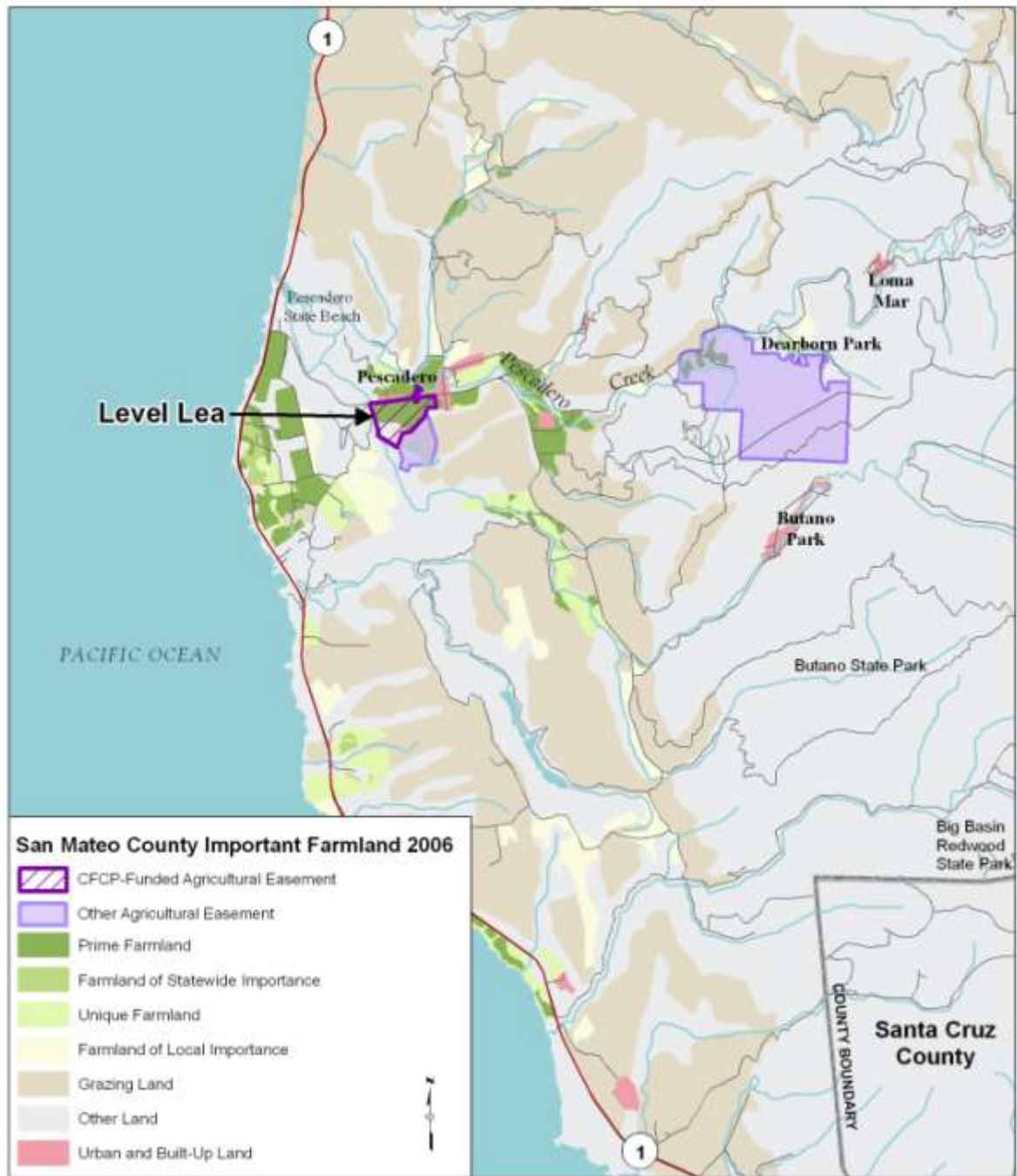
Grantee:	Ag Land Trust*
Easement Holder:	Ag Land Trust*
Location:	San Mateo County
Acres:	106
Agricultural Uses:	Field Crops
Appraised easement value:	\$1,270,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$690,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$580,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$13,500
Date easement recorded:	12/27/2007

\*Previously known as the Monterey County Agricultural and Historical Land Conservancy



Located in one of the last remaining commercial agricultural areas in San Mateo County, the picturesque Level Lea farm is adjacent to the unincorporated town of Pescadero. The 185-acre Level Lea farm is protected by two separate easements. The CFCP and the federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, part of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, provided funding to the Ag Land Trust to purchase a 106-acre agricultural easement on the irrigated portions of the farm. The balance of the farm, comprised mostly of rolling hills, was placed under a separate 76-acre open space easement that was donated by the Reynolds. The property has been owned by the same family since 1860, and it is listed in a historic walking tour booklet of Pescadero.





# **Taylor Ranch**

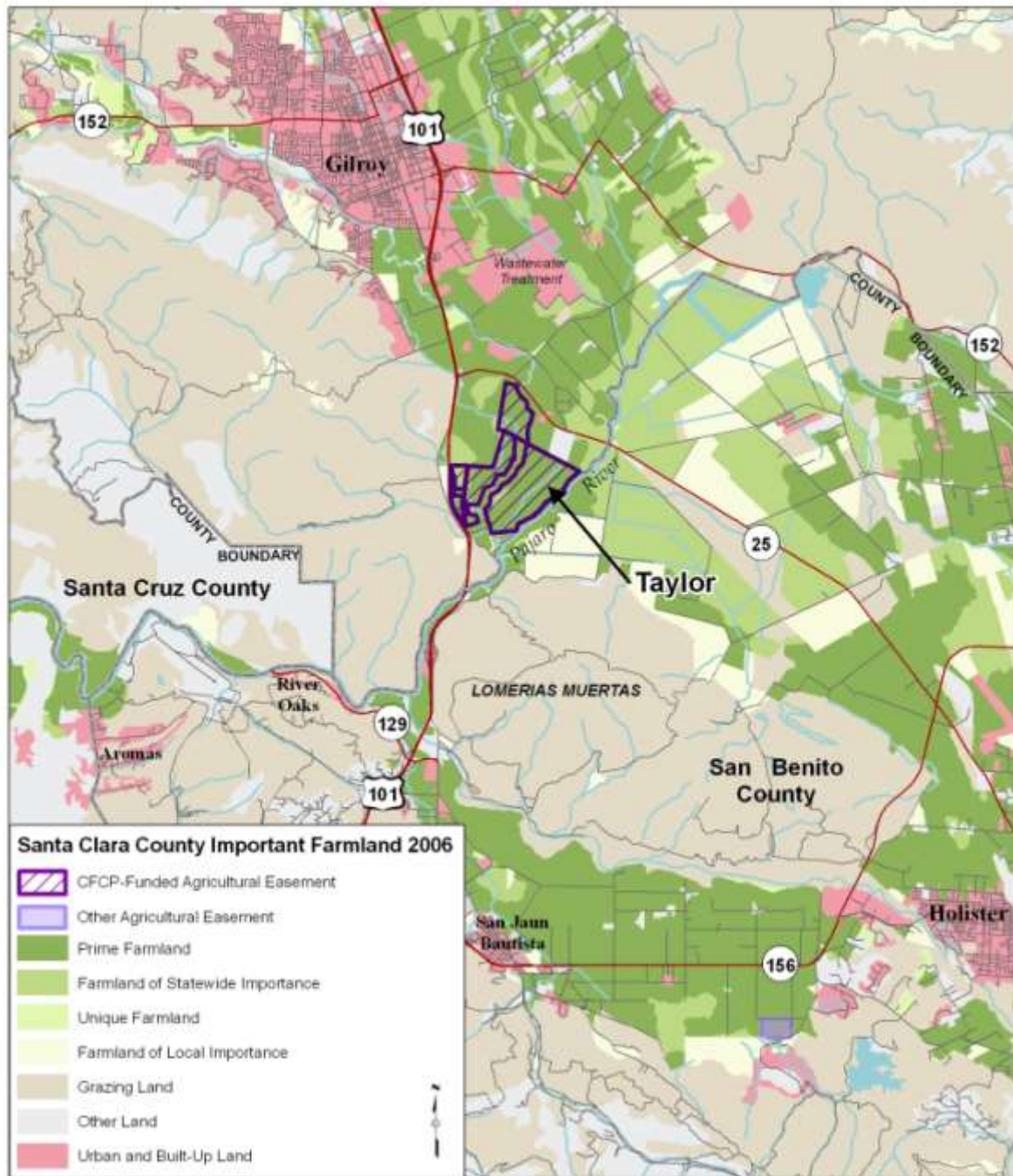
## **Santa Clara County**



Grantee:	Silicon Valley Land Conservancy
Easement Holder:	Silicon Valley Land Conservancy
Location:	Santa Clara County
Acres:	510
Agricultural Uses:	Row Crops
Appraised easement value:	\$2,140,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$820,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$1,320,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$35,854
Date easement recorded:	4/20/2006

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Located within the Gilroy Valley approximately 1.8 miles south of the Gilroy City limits, the Taylor Ranch is the largest farm in the region. Its western boundary runs the full length of Carnadero Creek, and its southern boundary runs the full length of the Pajaro River. The microclimate and soils of Taylor Ranch support specialty lettuce and other row crops. The operators are one of the largest growers and processors of baby lettuce in the region under the Earthbound Farms brand. This is the third CFCP grant in this agricultural area – with Taylor Ranch joining Wang and Mission Organics properties previously protected with CFCP grant funds from Proposition 12, more than 1,200 acres of contiguous irrigated cropland have now been preserved.





## **Sand Hill Bluff Farm Santa Cruz County**

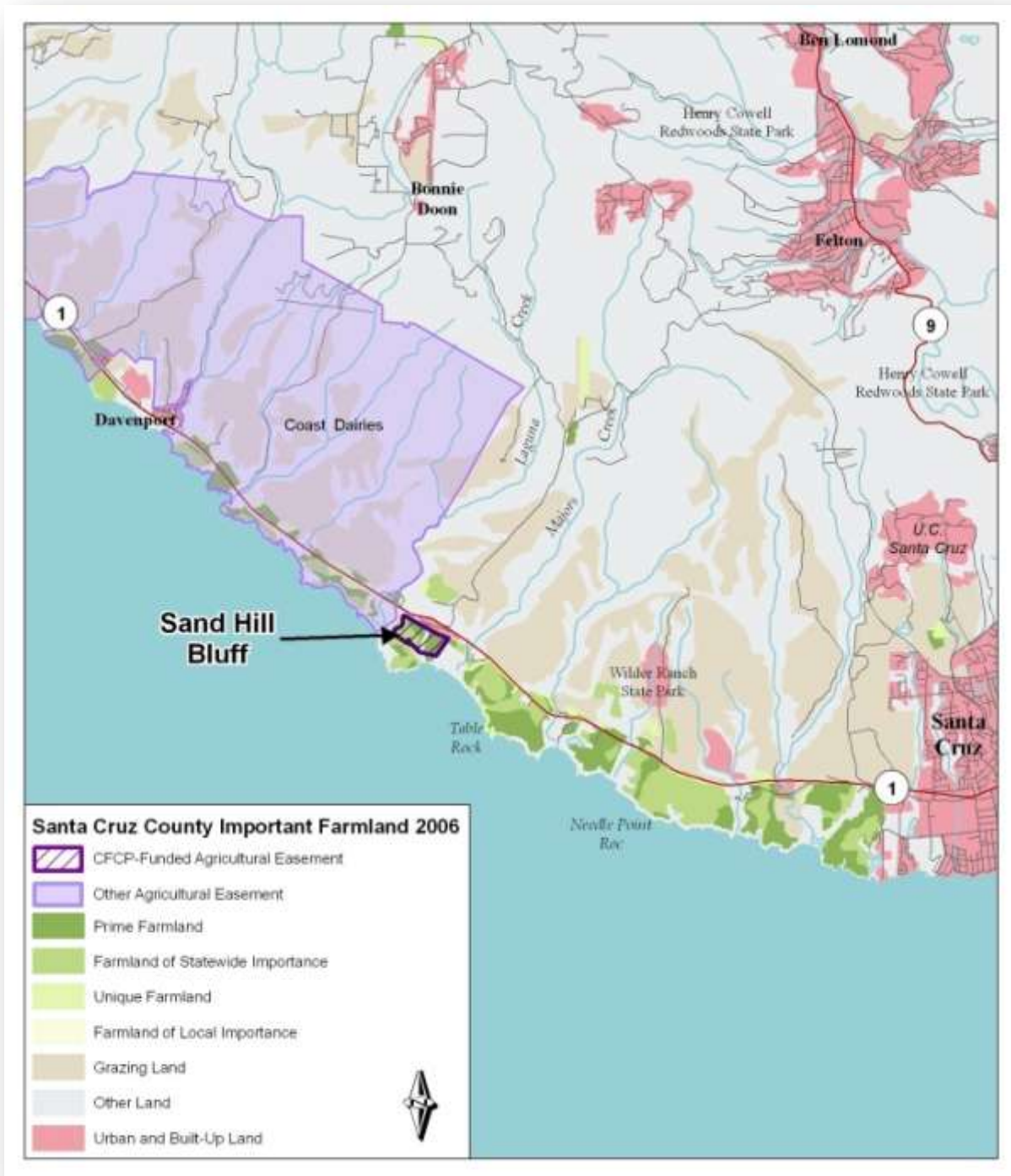


Grantee:	The Trust for Public Land
Easement Holder:	Agri-Culture, Inc.
Location:	Santa Cruz County
Acres:	64
Agricultural Uses:	Row Crops
Appraised easement value:	\$4,000,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$2,000,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$2,000,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$0
Date easement recorded:	4/25/2005



Just off Highway One and north of the City of Santa Cruz, the 154-acre Sand Hill Bluff property is between the 7,000-acre Coast Dairies and Wilder Ranch State Park. The project incorporates the conservation of important agricultural lands with preserving archaeological resources and increasing coastal access without disrupting agricultural production. CFCP grant funds were matched by those from the State Coastal Conservancy to facilitate the short term purchase of 64 acres of the farm by Agri-Culture, Inc., a non-profit organization operating in concert with the Farm Bureau in Santa Cruz County, and subsequent resale of the easement restricted property to a farmer.

Currently used for the production of Brussels sprouts, the property is highly productive. The 90 acres of the property closest to the shoreline were simultaneously acquired by the State Department of Parks and Recreation. A significant portion of these acres will continue to be leased to farmers.



## **Ebey-Laughtin Farm Solano County**

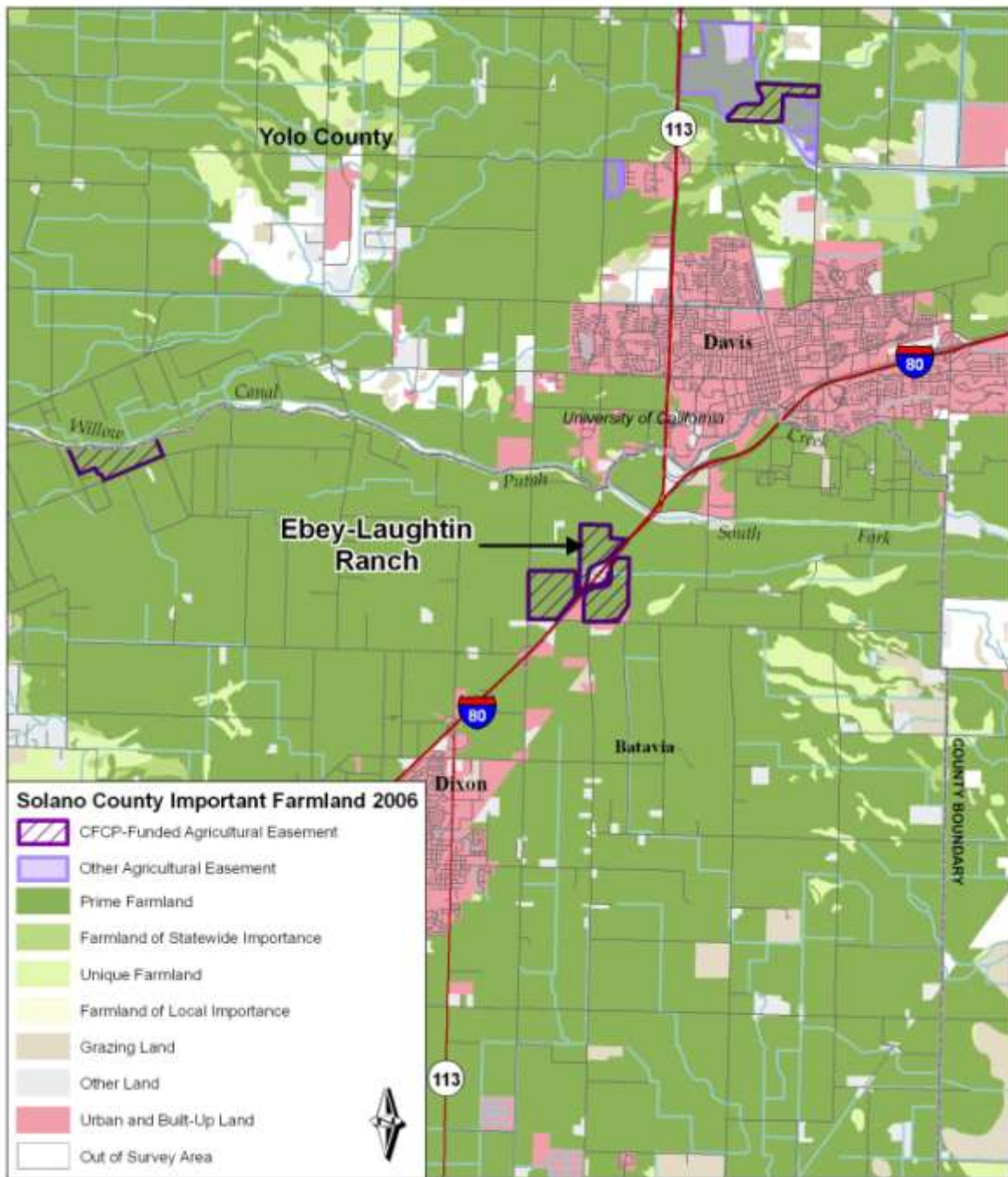


Grantee:	Solano Land Trust
Easement Holder:	Solano Land Trust
Location:	Solano County
Acres:	146
Agricultural Uses:	Row Crops
Appraised easement value:	\$1,950,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$930,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$1,020,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$41,500
Date easement recorded:	6/20/2006

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The 146-acre Ebey/Laughtin Farm property lies on the north side of I-80 between the cities of Davis and Dixon. The farm is in the Dixon Ridge subarea, which is of high strategic importance to the Solano Land Trust for conservation. The property is all prime farmland and also provides foraging habitat for Swainson's hawk (a threatened species) due to the crops grown and the property's proximity to Putah Creek. It also provides scenic viewshed along I-80. Acquisition of an easement on the property bolstered the acreage already protected near the interchange, serves as an additional deterrent to development in the area beyond the interchange, and contributes to the start of an agricultural buffer between the cities of Davis and Dixon, something of strong importance to both cities.





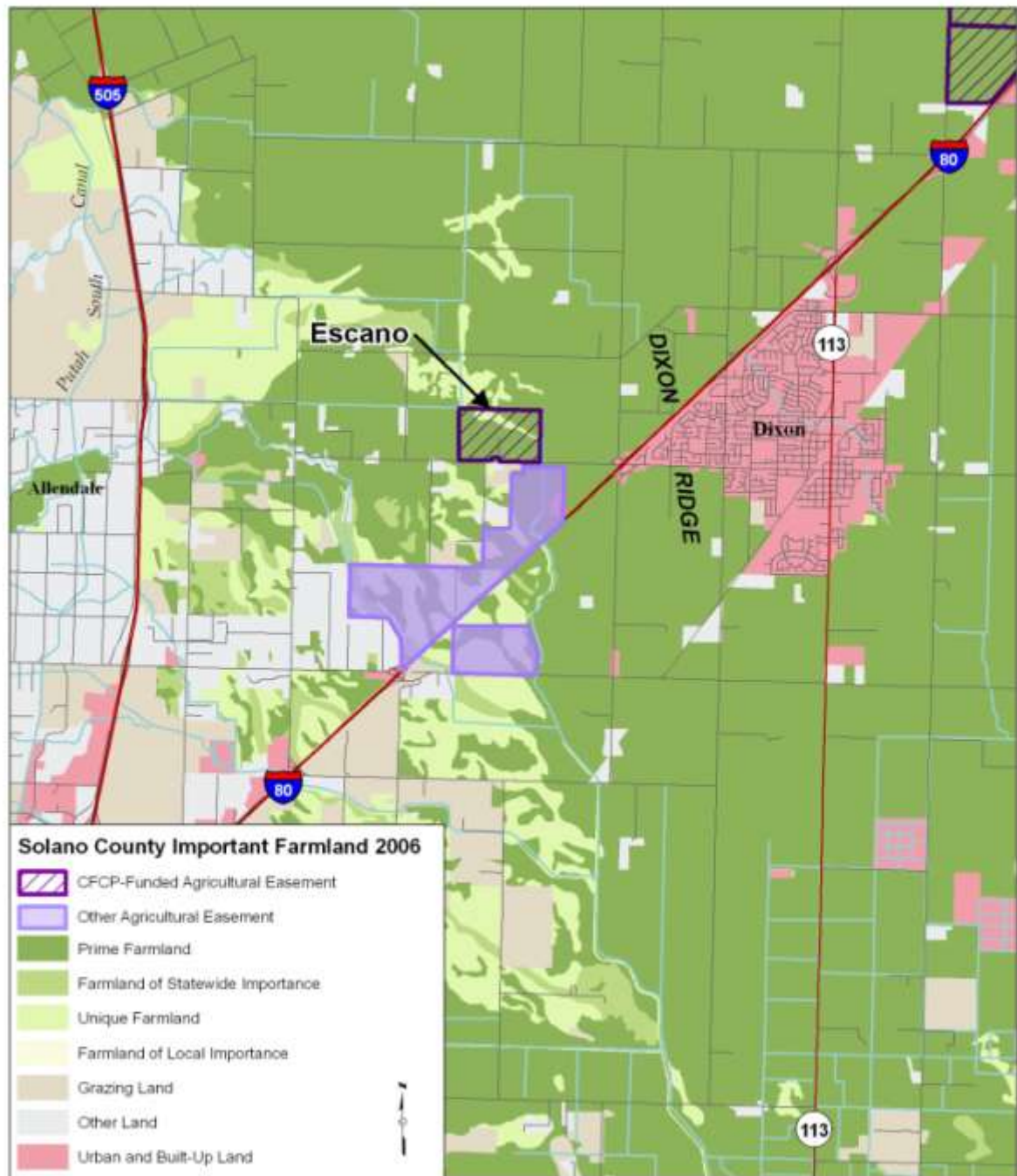
## **Escano Farm Solano County**



Grantee:	Solano Land Trust
Easement Holder:	Solano Land Trust
Location:	Solano County
Acres:	235
Agricultural Uses:	Row Crops
Appraised easement value:	\$925,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$462,500
Other Easement Funding:	\$462,500
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$0
Date easement recorded:	7/19/2006

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The 235-acre Escano farm is located between Dixon and Vacaville along the northern edge of the Vacaville-Dixon Community Greenbelt. The property is mostly prime soils that were farmed by members of the Escano family until they retired in the early 1990s. The property then was leased to a tenant farmer. The farm was sold to the same tenant farmer in July 2006 with an agricultural conservation easement, held by Solano Land Trust, in place. With the development potential of the land removed, the tenant farmer was able to purchase the farm based on its agricultural value. The easement further expanded the greenbelt between the cities and reduces pressure from rural ranchette development in the Dixon Ridge area. Dixon Ridge is 41,600 acres in size of which the California Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) designated 99 percent as Prime Farmland.





# **Orvis Ranch**

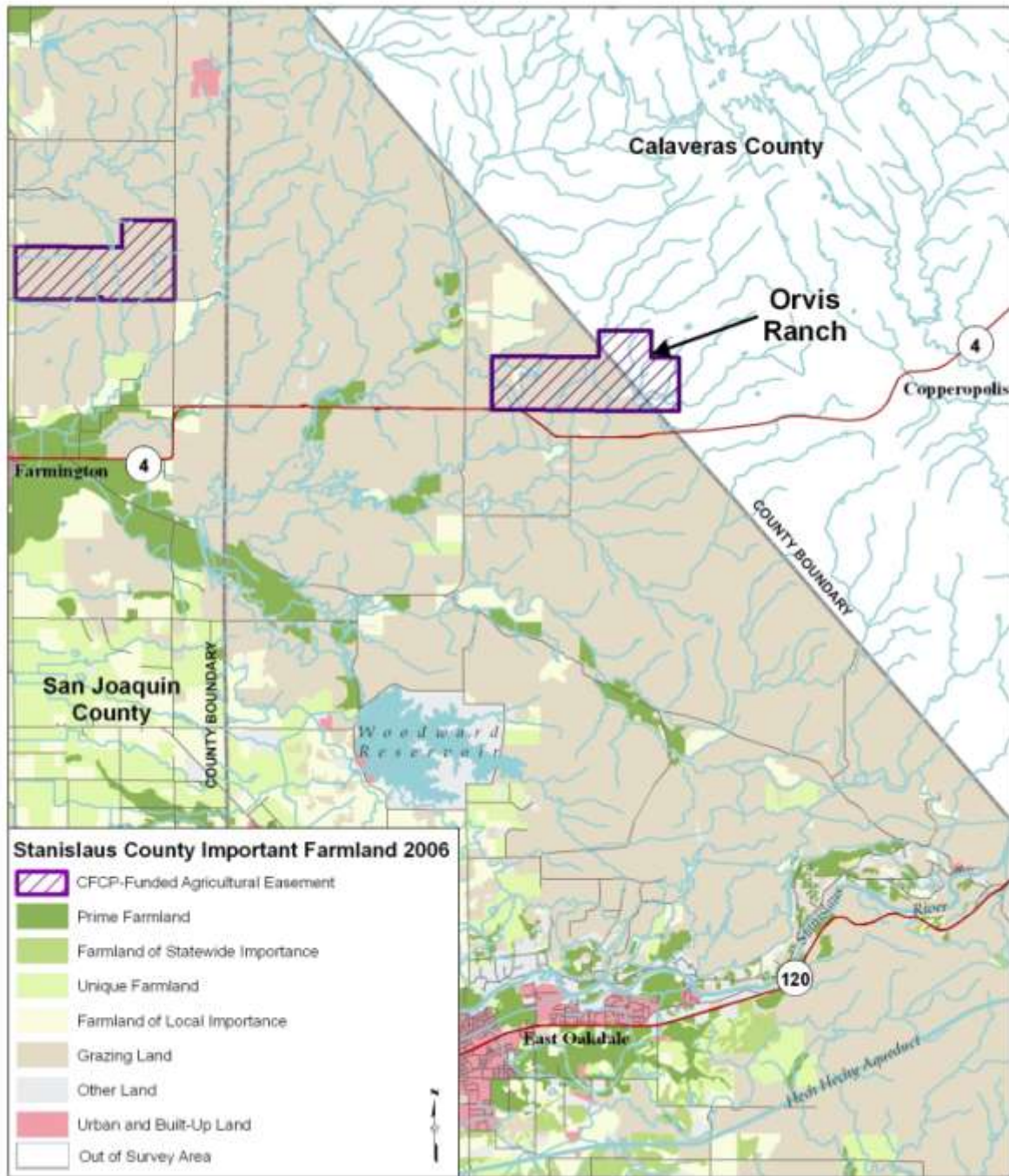
## **Stanislaus & Calaveras County**



Co-Grantees:	Trust for Public Land & California Rangeland Trust
Easement Holder:	California Rangeland Trust
Location:	Stanislaus & Calaveras County
Acres:	2,563
Agricultural Uses:	Grazing Land
Appraised easement value:	\$3,100,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$1,705,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$1,395,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$0
Date easement recorded:	3/31/2006



The Orvis Ranch is located approximately 11 miles east of Farmington, and lies in both Stanislaus and Calaveras counties (1,711 acres in the former, 852 in the latter) just below the oak woodlands along State Highway 4, a heavily traveled route to Yosemite. Dating to 1873, the Ranch has been grazed for generations and is part of the historic Snow Ranch. The Ranch features vernal pools and wildlife habitat, including unique plant communities that thrive in the serpentine deposits. This is one of the largest agricultural conservation easements in the Central Valley to date, and it is the first one recorded in Calaveras County. This was also the first transaction that the CFCP completed in both Calaveras and Stanislaus Counties. The Trust for Public Land coordinated the transaction and funded associated transaction costs.



## **Cress-Sheehy Farm Sutter County**



Grantee:	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Easement Holder:	Wetlands America Trust
Location:	Sutter County
Acres:	316
Agricultural Uses:	Rice
Appraised easement value:	\$555,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$427,250
Other Easement Funding:	\$127,750
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$33,392
Date easement recorded:	12/21/2006

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Located adjacent to an existing CFCP-funded agricultural easement, the 316-acre Cress-Sheehy easement establishes over 1,000 contiguous acres of permanently preserved farmland. The Sutter Basin is being threatened by rapidly expanding urban and rural ranchette growth from Yuba City to the north and Sacramento and Woodland to the south. Acquisition of the Cress-Sheehy easement will bolster the long-term viability of agriculture in this increasingly threatened area. In addition to its importance as a farming area, the Sutter Basin is an extremely important area for waterfowl and other wetland dependent species. Located near the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge, the easement provides key migratory waterfowl habitat and forms a buffer zone that benefits the entire ecosystem of the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge.





## Montna II Farms Sutter County



Grantee:	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Easement Holder:	Wetlands America Trust
Location:	Sutter County
Acres:	748
Agricultural Uses:	Rice
Appraised easement value:	\$2,245,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$1,496,667
Other Easement Funding:	\$748,333
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$0
Date easement recorded:	12/11/2007

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The easement covers three contiguous parcels that form an “L” shape adjacent to other CFCP-funded easements, creating a 1,729-acre block of easement-protected land. The property has approximately 2,000 feet fronting Highway 99 along the east side and is currently in rice production, as are the neighboring properties to the west and south. The eastern edge of the Sutter Bypass over to Yuba City is an important agricultural area that is highly productive and enjoys a stable water supply and efficiency of scale associated with large farming operations. The property was threatened by rapidly expanding urban and rural ranchette growth from Yuba City to the north and Sacramento and Woodland to the south. The property itself provides key migratory waterfowl habitat, as well as terrestrial species habitat, for such wildlife as the giant garter snake, the red-winged blackbird, great blue heron, and the Swainson’s Hawk.







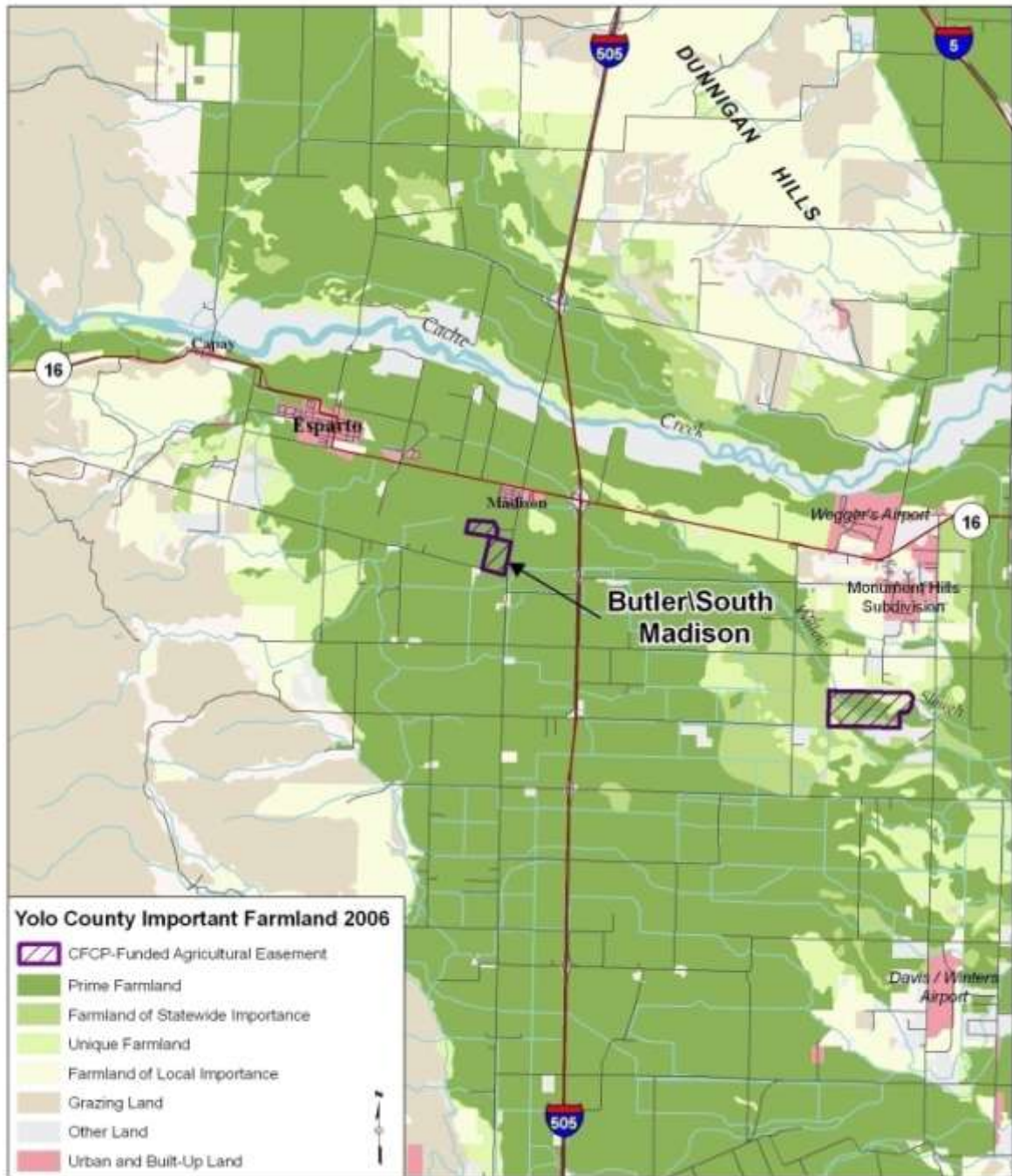
## Butler Farm Yolo County



Grantee:	Yolo Land Trust
Easement Holder:	Yolo Land Trust
Location:	Yolo County
Acres:	151
Agricultural Uses:	Row Crops
Appraised easement value:	\$535,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$454,462
Other Easement Funding:	\$80,538
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$13,200
Date easement recorded:	8/8/2006

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The 151-acre Butler Farm is located half a mile south of the town of Madison. The community is among the unincorporated areas that Yolo county has considering for potential future growth. The property has excellent soils and is leased to a local farmer who grows field and row crops such as tomatoes, wheat and barley. Twenty acres are sublet to another farmer who has planted California native grasses for seed. The property consists of two contiguous parcels owned by the same landowner. Two easements were placed on the property, one on each parcel. Water is available from a canal of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Hedgerows were established on the property with assistance from Yolo County Resource Conservation District and California Audubon. The property provides foraging area for raptors.



## **Pollock Farm Yolo County**

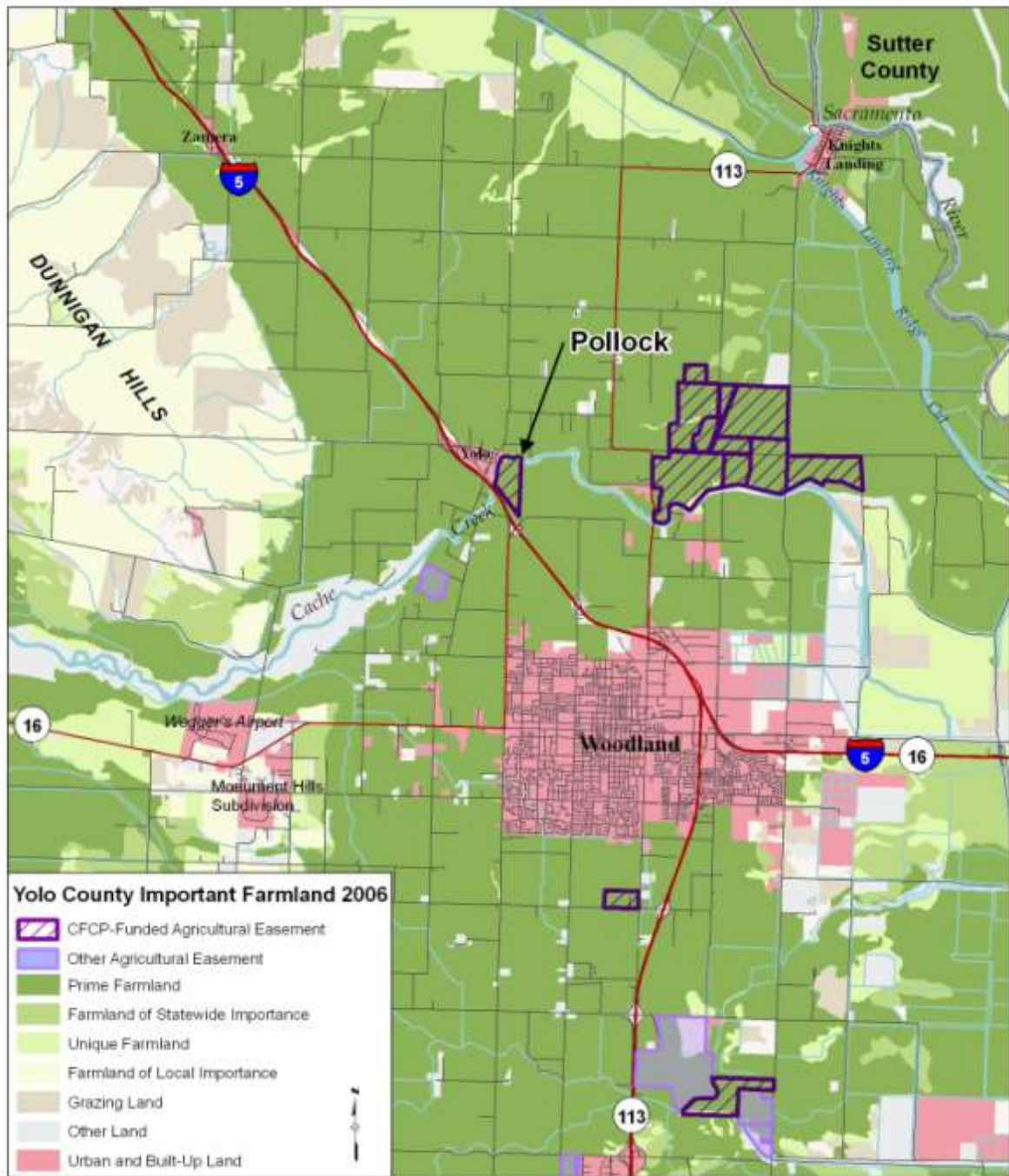


Grantee:	Yolo Land Trust
Easement Holder:	Yolo Land Trust
Location:	Yolo County
Acres:	135
Agricultural Uses:	Row Crops
Appraised easement value:	\$428,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$321,000
Other Easement Funding:	\$107,000
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$18,432
Date easement recorded:	8/24/2006



The 137-acre Pollock farm has significant agricultural, historical and aesthetic value. The property's prime soils currently grow a variety of commodities, including specialty seed crops. The property was formerly a part of the Yolo Orchards, an early agricultural enterprise in the county. It is located within 1.5 miles of Woodland's sphere of influence and just southeast of the community of Yolo. The property is adjacent to an Interstate 5 interchange that is frequently used by travelers headed to the Cache Creek Casino. Given its location along the interstate and near the town of Yolo, the threat of conversion to commercial or residential development was significant. Buildings onsite include an old Wells Fargo stage stop and bank building dating back to the late 1800s. The family has farmed in Yolo County since the 1890s. The property fronts a ¾-mile stretch of Cache Creek, which provides important wildlife habitat.





# Hayes Farm

## Yolo County



Grantee:	Yolo Land Trust
Easement Holder:	Yolo Land Trust
Location:	Yolo County
Acres:	350
Agricultural Uses:	Field Crops
Appraised easement value:	\$720,000
CFCP Easement Funding:	\$675,500
Other Easement Funding:	\$44,500
CFCP Associated Transaction Funding:	\$15,000
Date easement recorded:	3/4/2008

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The 350-acre Hayes Farm is a half-mile south of the Monument Hills subdivision in an area often eyed for development because of its proximity to Woodland, Davis and Winters. The site is adjacent to Willow Slough which is known to provide nesting sites for Swainson hawks. Other wildlife, such as turkeys, pheasants, rabbits, and ducks benefit from the cover and water features on the property. The property has been farmed for decades, producing a variety of commodities including rice, wheat and alfalfa.

